

III. REMARKS

Claim 1 -75 have been deleted without prejudice. New claims 76-87 have been added. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added by virtue of this amendment.

Support for new claim 76 is found in the original specification as filed, e.g., at page line 10, lines 2-5.

Support for new claim 77 is found in the original specification as filed, e.g., at page 9 line 28 to page 10, line 2.

Support for new claim 78 is found in the original specification as filed, e.g., at page 54 lines 14-18.

Support for new claim 79 is found in the original specification as filed, e.g., at page 51, column 2 (AUC_{0-24} , Day 1). Support for the lower limit of the range, i.e., about 1:1 is found by dividing the (+) standard deviation of the AUC_{0-24} of lovastatin by the (+) standard deviation of the AUC_{0-24} of lovastatin acid. Support for the higher limit of the range, i.e., about 3.6:1 is found by dividing the (-) standard deviation of the AUC_{0-24} of lovastatin by the (-) standard deviation of the AUC_{0-24} of lovastatin acid.

Support for new claim 80 is found in the original specification as filed, e.g., at page 51, column 3 (AUC_{0-24} , Day 28). Support for the lower limit of the range, i.e., about 0.74:1 is found by dividing the (+) standard deviation of the AUC_{0-24} of lovastatin by the (+) standard deviation of the AUC_{0-24} of lovastatin acid. Support for the higher limit of the range, i.e., about 2:1 is found by dividing the (-) standard deviation of the AUC_{0-24} of lovastatin by the (-) standard deviation of the AUC_{0-24} of lovastatin acid.

Support for new claim 81 is found in the original specification as filed, e.g., at page 51, column 5 (C_{max} , Day 1). Support for the lower limit of the range, i.e., about 1.1:1 is found by dividing the (+) standard deviation of the C_{max} of lovastatin by the (+) standard deviation of the C_{max} of lovastatin acid. Support for the higher limit of the range, i.e., about 5:1 is found by dividing the (-) standard deviation of the C_{max} of lovastatin by the (-) standard deviation of the C_{max} of lovastatin acid.

Support for new claim 82 is found in the original specification as filed, e.g., at page 51,

column 6 (C_{\max} , Day 28). Support for the lower limit of the range, i.e., about 0.75:1 is found by dividing the (+) standard deviation of the C_{\max} of lovastatin by the (+) standard deviation of the C_{\max} of lovastatin acid. Support for the higher limit of the range, i.e., about 3:1 is found by dividing the (-) standard deviation of the C_{\max} of lovastatin by the (-) standard deviation of the C_{\max} of lovastatin acid.

Support for new claim 83 is found in the original specification as filed, e.g., at page 51, column 2 (AUC_{0-24} , Day 1) by dividing the AUC_{0-24} of lovastatin by the AUC_{0-24} of lovastatin acid.

Support for new claim 84 is found in the original specification as filed, e.g., at page 51, column 3 (AUC_{0-24} , Day 28) by dividing the AUC_{0-24} of lovastatin by AUC_{0-24} of lovastatin acid.

Support for new claim 85 is found in the original specification as filed, e.g., at page 51, column 5 (C_{\max} , Day 1) by dividing the C_{\max} of lovastatin by the C_{\max} of lovastatin acid.

Support for new claim 86 is found in the original specification as filed, e.g., at page 51, column 6 (C_{\max} , Day 28) by dividing the C_{\max} of lovastatin by the C_{\max} of lovastatin acid.

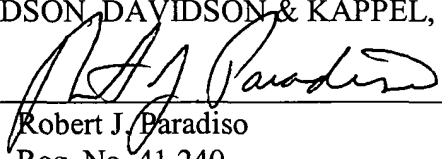
Support for new claim 87 is found in the original specification as filed, e.g., in original claim 1.

Consideration of this application is respectfully requested. An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

No fee is believed due for this amendment. However if it is determined that any additional fees are due, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

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